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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LA

SUBJECT: MISSING PERSONS

REF: A) VIENTIANE 7154, B) VIENTIANE 7187, C) STATE 16895

1) WE HAVE HAD TWO REPORTS ON ROD NORBERG (REF C) IN RECENT DAYS WHICH WE PASS ON HEREWITH ON CHANCE THEY RELATE TO REF A REPORT.

2) ONE SOURCE TOLD DEPTOFF OF LETTER FROM NORBERG IN VIENTIANE AROUND SEPT. 8 STATING NORBERG WAS "GOING INTO THE BUSH WITH A PL COLONEL," AND THAT PEOPLE SHOULD "WATCH THE NEWS, PARTICULARLY CBS," PRESUMABLY FOR WORD ON HIM. LETTER ALSO REPORTEDLY STATES "USG/JCRC WILL NOT ACCEPT REMAINS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE AVAILABLE, SO I AM GOING AFTER THEM."

3) ANOTHER SOURCE RECEIVED LETTER FROM NORBERG PURPORTEDLY WRITTEN IN VIENTIANE SEPT. 15 POSTMARKED HONG KONG SEPT. 16 IN WHICH NORBERG CLAIMS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH PL REPS IN SAM NEUA AS WELL AS VIENTIANE,

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WHO HAVE TOLD HIM OF AN AMERICAN POW NAMED "JOHN DEAN,"

SAID TO BE A FORMER T-28 PILOT WITH ONE LEG MISSING. THE PL REPS ALLEGEDLY PROMISED TO PROVIDE BLOOD SAMPLES AND

FINGERPRINTS AS WELL AS NAMES OF THREE OTHER AMERICAN

P'S. NORBERG SAID HE GAVE PL REPS CAMERAS AND TAPE RECORDERS TO BRING BACK EVIDENCE ON THE ALLEGED AMERICANS, FOR WHICH HE IS NOW SOLICITING \$3500 (PRESUMABLY THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE LETTER). NORBERG SAID HE BELIEVES OTHER AMERICAN MIA'S ARE ALIVE AND STATES HE'LL NEED UPWARDS OF \$85,000 TO FREE ALL OF THEM. HE SAYS HE'S STAYING AT ROOM 601 HOTEL APOLLO, AND THAT HE'S USING THE CODE NAME "HARRY."

4) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRINTABLE COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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